

S. May, Jr. is  
reminded at a 4th  
of July picnic at  
Frammingham, 1862

1 1/2 Tickets for D. Foster (R. F. W., 1-Dele)  
1/2 " " Willie Wright  
1 for W. C. Weldy - 1 for J. Sella Martin  
1 for H. D. Conway  
(my son)

I. The Slaveholders v. Authors of this War:

1. The War commenced 30 years ago.

2. Bishop General Polk, in a recent letter, declares that the South never regarded the Union as a permanent arrangement.

A Slaveholding Empire their object - & their proclaimed design.

II. Combining with them as far as they at present think it expedient, as to a considerable extent France, but, to a vastly greater extent, England. England - I say it with all due regard to, & with the most unqualified respect for, the many noble exceptions ~~there~~ - England has from the first fed this rebellion. Arms of every description, from the heaviest and most improved Cannon to the lightest side arms, ammunition in immense quantities, (30 tons Saltpetre in the "Tubal Cain" after much had been thrown overboard) Clothing, shoes, ~~with~~ every article which English manufacture & trade can supply, even provisions in great variety, have been furnished freely. How has England been paid? You remember the U. S. Treasury depleted by a Georgian Cabinet Officer; you remember the Customhouses, Postoffice, Mints, in Southern Cities plundered by South Officials; you remember the 200 Millions of Dollars of Northern property professedly bought, but really stolen, by the South; you remember the wholesale fraud & plunder upon which the Secession has thus far subsisted; and you will see here that they have been able to pay for what England has so freely sent them. - But it has not been for money only that England has done this; - there is ~~consequently~~ a large & powerful Class in England - the rest of the old Aristocracy - who wd. gladly see the downfall of this Republic,



These persons ~~perfectly~~ well understand <sup>also</sup> that they can ~~fight~~ <sup>fight</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>do</sup>  
Cripple us far easier, through the <sup>medium</sup> of ~~the~~ Slaveholders  
Secession, than by direct intervention, or open alliance with the  
Rebels. They will continue this game of feeding the Rebels <sup>just</sup> ~~so~~  
long as the inefficient and dawdling policy of our Government  
makes it possible for them to do so.

From this charge agst. England, let us except <sup>for the most part</sup> ~~to some degree~~  
Scotland, and still more Ireland. From Ireland, never a word  
but one of sympathy, of encouragement, of Godspeed to us in  
our Contest with the vilest ~~form of Oppression~~ <sup>tyranny</sup> of the  
Human Race has reached our shores. God bless old Ireland -  
<sup>lift her sons & daughters out of every thralldom,</sup>  
give us a truer, deeper appreciation <sup>for all in her that is</sup>  
~~excellent & brave,~~ <sup>lift her sons & daughters out of every thralldom,</sup> & a heartier unity in that ~~glorious~~ spirit,  
which her O'Connell so gloriously exhibited, which scorns the  
alliance or touch of the slave breeder & slaveholder,

III. These are the powers, open and secret, wh. are arrayed  
against our Government, our Institutions, against this free  
Industrious, Intelligent, Prosperous Northern Land. - Arrayed in  
arms, seeking our destruction, are they. Their aim is to  
overwhelm & destroy everything <sup>give prominence to all things</sup> ~~among us~~ <sup>that is good</sup> and  
subject of entire land to the <sup>rule of slavery</sup> ~~Slaveholders~~. Everything free they  
hate, & w<sup>d</sup> wipe out. Every col<sup>d</sup> man <sup>they would make</sup> ~~there~~ a slave - every  
white working man ~~sh<sup>d</sup> be~~ a slave - all labor ~~sh<sup>d</sup> be~~  
owned as property - all impulse to mechanic & inventive  
genius ~~sh<sup>d</sup> be~~ crushed out. The Country <sup>become</sup> ~~sh<sup>d</sup> be~~ dependent on  
Europe for all manufactured and products of mechanical skill,  
& all labor sink to a uniform, dull, dead level of <sup>slavery</sup> ~~an enslaved~~  
- This, ~~the~~ is the avowed purpose of the South - this is the



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Webb's remark -



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fate wh. they, and their <sup>every</sup> baser allies of S. North, would  
bring upon us. Words are too poor to express the awful doom,  
the woe, the alight degradation wh. the slaveholder has ~~an~~  
<sup>preparation</sup> ~~there~~ for our children.

Such being the Foe in arms against us, Shall we Submit?  
Or Shall we Resist, & contend manfully for whatever of good  
in y. past, or in promise, we have inherited & built up?  
That was r. question a year ago last April; it continues r.  
question still. A year ago last April. the people answered it,  
energetically, thunderously, & with a miraculous unanimity.  
Was <sup>it</sup> for an <sup>S. or</sup> <sup>Gov.</sup> our long deafness to the cries of the outland  
Negro, <sup>our</sup> long complicity with his Oppression, & an  
Administration was sent to us, timid, halting, without faith  
in God or man, destitute of ~~either~~ <sup>all</sup> ~~for~~ ~~after~~ ~~of~~ generous  
aspiration, and still believing in the efficiency of that  
~~Rebel~~ rotten stick of Compromise & Concealment to Wrong  
which for 70 years had proved our Bane, our Canker,  
our ~~worst enemy~~ <sup>Curse?</sup> Had R. Administration listened to  
r. outcry of r. popular heart when Slavery first threw off  
its mask <sup>when</sup> in the persons of Floyd, Cobb, & the Leaguers of  
Charleston S.C. <sup>or the like</sup> ~~and~~ showed its hideous face & its murderous  
designs to all eyes, ~~and~~ had it then pronounced Slavery the  
Felon, the Culpit, the real Rebel, ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> dealt with <sup>it</sup> <sup>vigorously</sup>,  
& so (as M. D. Conway has so perfectly proved) in not much mercy  
to S. South herself, then we sh<sup>d</sup> have stood that day on



a free soil, in a free land, - the Rebellion smitten to r,  
ground, r. true life of r. Republic springs up everywhere,  
Even r. Conservatives <sup>joining in approbation</sup> Even r. old pro-slavery men convinced,  
- or silent at least, & utterly deprived of power to sting or  
harm, - and nothing to prevent our onward & upward  
Career as a Nation.

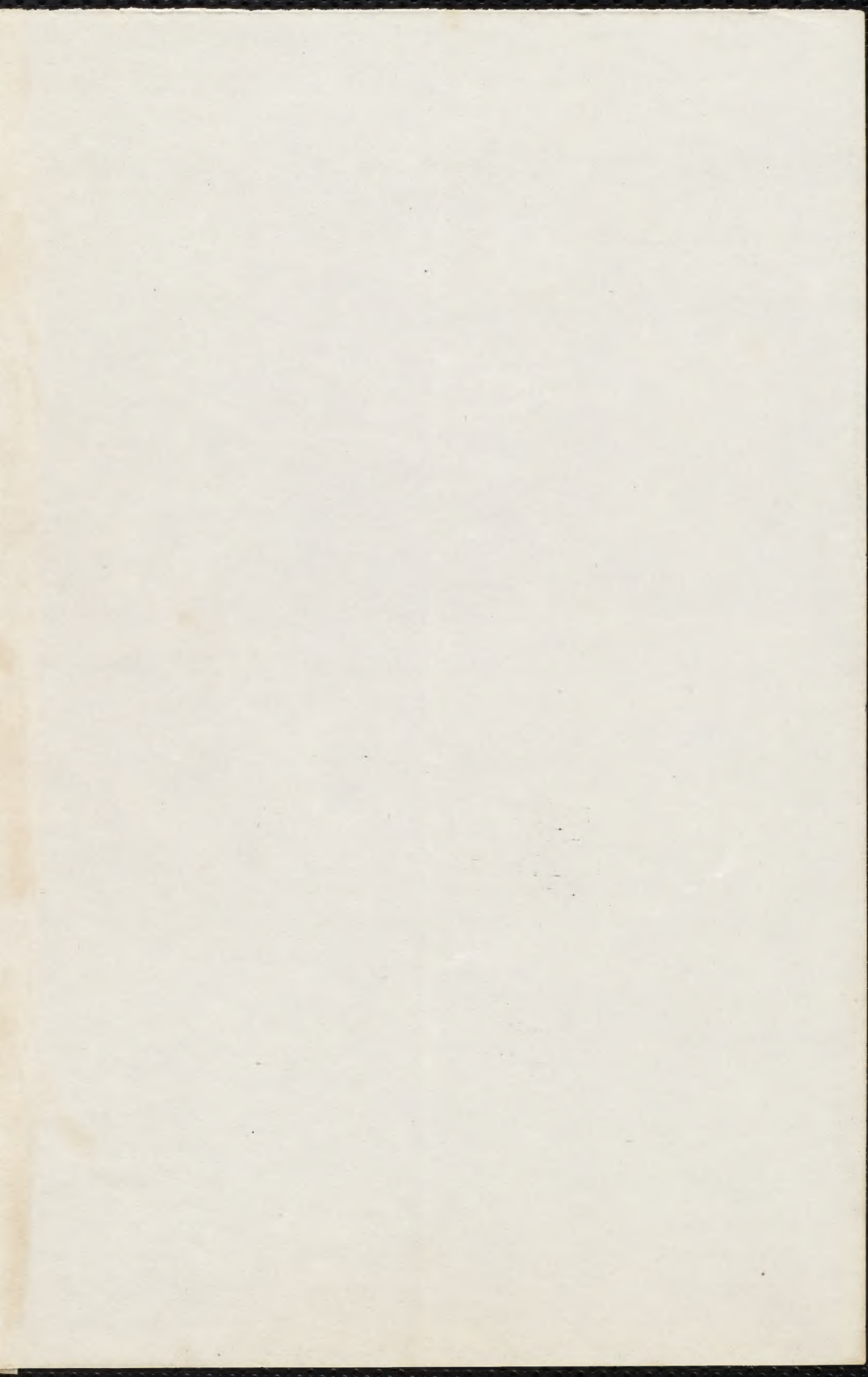
~~But~~ we see another sight, (Alas, alas!) thro' the  
slowness, the temporizing policy, the never-ending still-heaping  
Delays of the President, we see these things - 1. The Northern  
sympathizers with Secession have learned their strength; they  
have been emboldened to declare themselves, - to prepare for  
future action; they have had time to re-vamp their old  
pro-slavery arguments, to appeal to the old hatreds of Color  
& of negro, to stir up the narrowest & lowest passions of  
the old days of Northern Vapulence to Southern Dictation. The  
warm, generous, united spirit of a year ago has been  
discouraged, rebuked, <sup>suffered</sup> made to cool, in many cases  
made to die out, and division, suspicion, jealousy have  
been suffered to come in,

These are sad things to see.

But is all lost? Must we no longer stand up  
for our Country, for our Children's Future? God  
forbid that such false & infidel ideas should possess us,  
& lead of all those who believe in effort & sacrifice, in  
honor & dying for Freedom.

We must not despair, we must not give up, we  
must stand for our Country. While the slaveholder











is in arm to accomplish his ~~that~~ accursed purpose,  
we ~~must~~ never must lay down our arms - never,  
never, never."

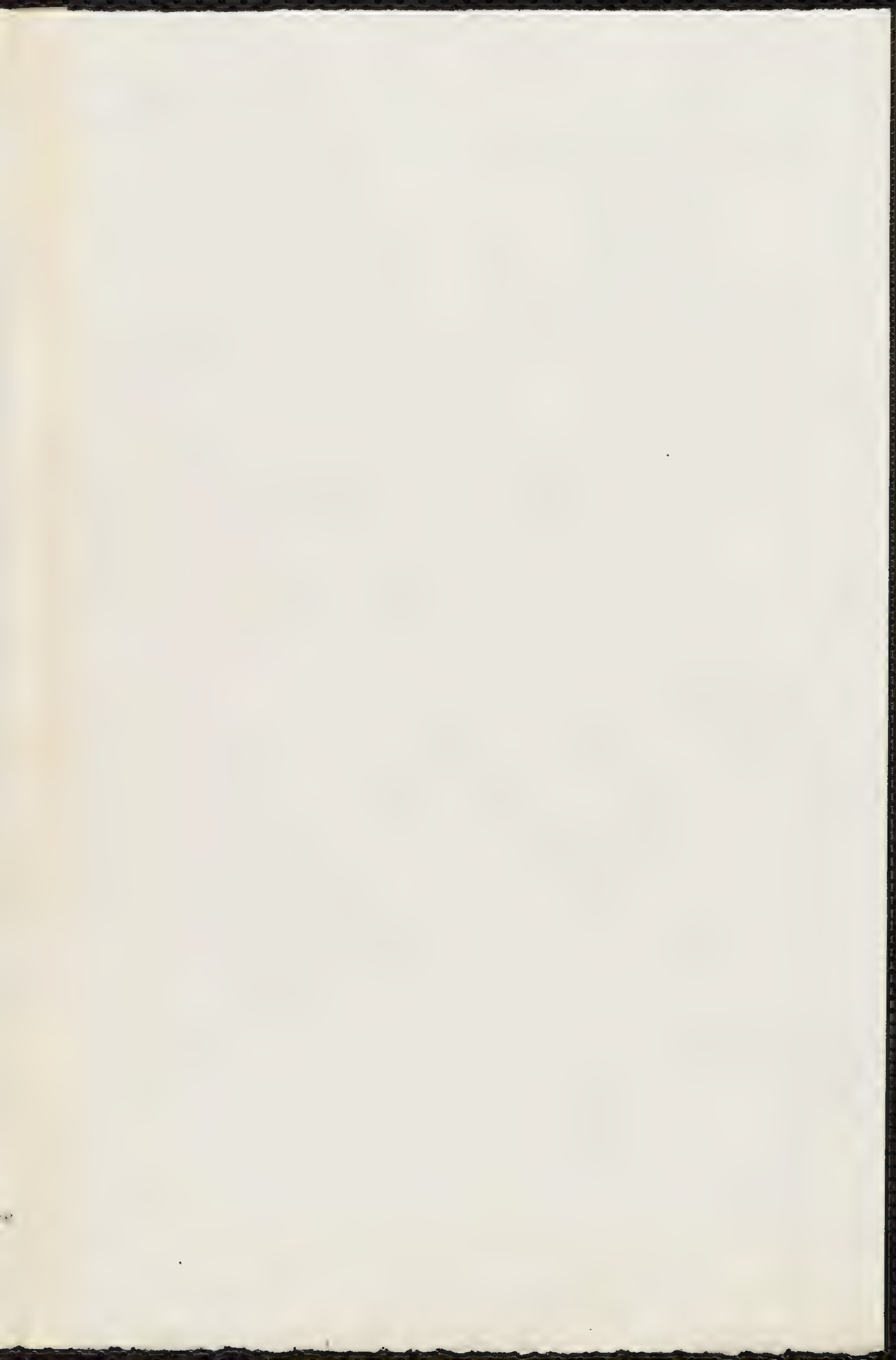
Do you ask why come to r. Support of a Government  
so slow, so sluggish, so unbelieving in liberty, so unworthy to  
represent a great, just cause, so apparently incapable  
of Freedom's Service?

I answer, Behind the President, & his Cabinet,  
& all his Generals, I see a Country, bleeding, impelled,  
~~and~~ threatened with destruction, at r. hands of the vilest  
tyrants of earth ever saw - the propagators of a System which,  
for brutality, cruelty, & every shameful excess, & law dishonor,  
has never had its parallel among men. - Shall we withhold  
our resistance to this Monster, because it. resistance is ~~yet~~  
not <sup>et</sup> offered in the ~~true~~ <sup>best</sup> right way? Shall resistance cease,  
r. cease so by default, and r. Slaveholder spring with  
power over us & our Children, thro' ~~our~~ <sup>our</sup> dull supineness,  
our dragged obstinacy? ~~Of course~~ For me, I say no,  
While faithful to point out, & to rebuke, the grosser errors,  
the short-comings, the mistaken policies of our Govt.,  
<sup>I hold it my duty</sup> ~~we are~~ to give effect to all these by showing our readiness  
to give our strength & our means, to support the Organized  
Power of r. People & make it effective at last in the  
right & true way. Beyond the particular, individual  
men



who now represent the ~~subscribed~~ Will of y. People,  
 I see, Sir, a Future, which thro' action & ours, may yet  
 be great, glorious, blessed, - ~~thro' inaction~~ but which,  
 thro' our inaction, will assuredly be dark, black,  
 & full of despair. God grant that no responsibility  
 for such a dark & hopeless day may ~~fall~~ <sup>rest</sup> upon us. As  
 Antislavery men & women - some of you & of a Thirty Years'  
 War, holier & nobler than war ever fought by ~~material~~ weapons  
 of iron & steel - let advise you, refuse no help which  
 you can give to meet and crush out the ~~Slavery~~ Rebellion  
~~which~~ now arrayed against every Human Right and  
 all human happiness, and with it the bad system  
 which has so long been its nurse, and now is its chief  
 support. - <sup>Sir,</sup> For ~~itself~~ <sup>itself</sup>, by a necessity fixed by God  
 himself, this War is in itself an Anti-Slavery Measure,  
 Deep in the hearts of hundreds of thousands, nay millions,  
 of our people, through the agencies & developments of  
 this fearful struggle, has been fixed a hate, a loathing,  
 of Slavery, which no time, nor Eternity itself, can  
 efface. Let it be ours to direct this sentiment in the  
 wisest and best channels; - <sup>and at the same time</sup> Let us show our hearty  
 readiness to sustain the Government in an unflinching purpose  
 to resist & overthrow this Rebellion, the offshoot and  
 spawn of Slavery, the ~~intended~~ <sup>intended</sup> means of an  
 universal ~~best~~ <sup>best</sup> Empire.









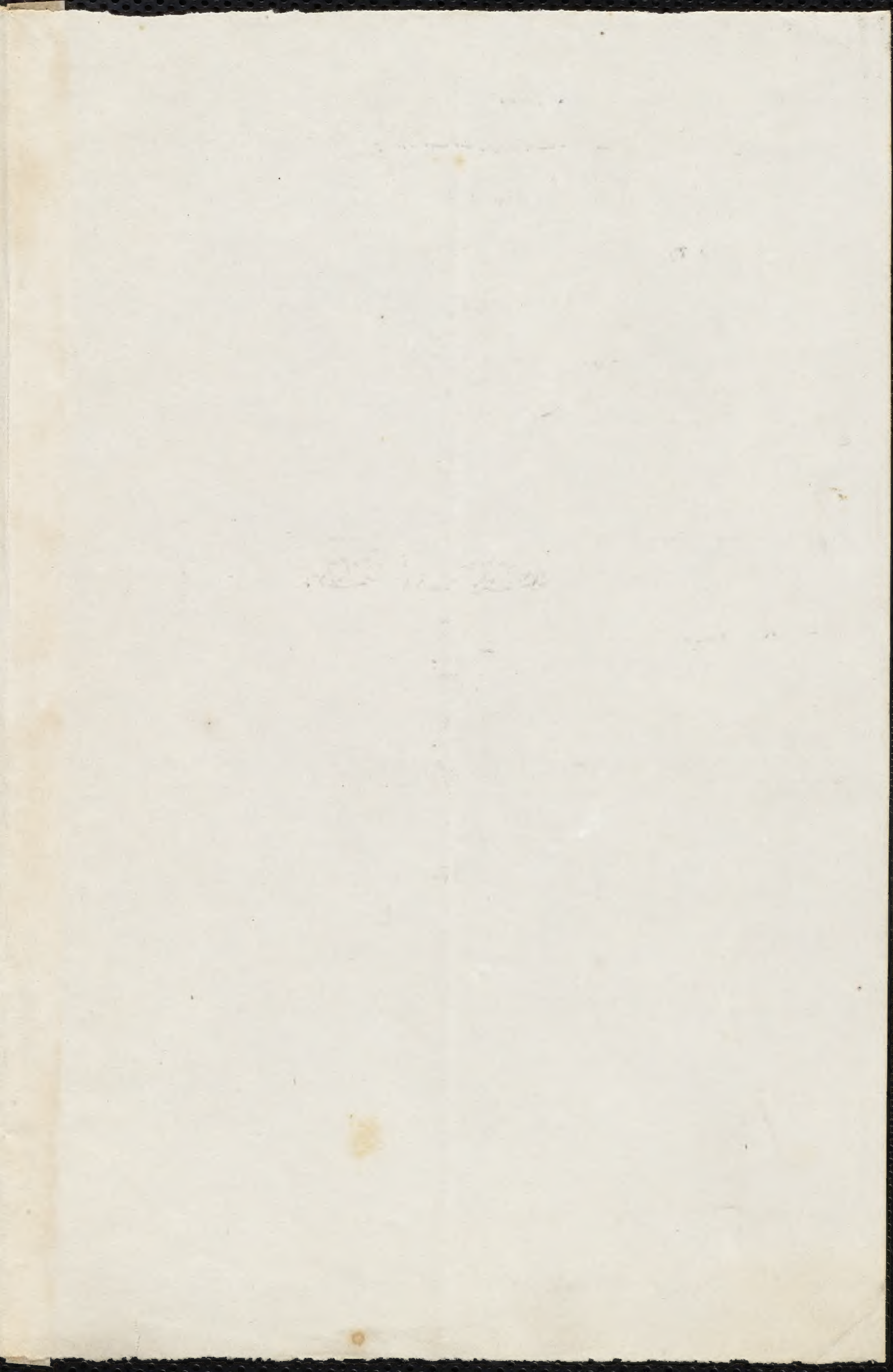


There be those, even of our own number, or who  
 profess to be such, ~~whose course is different, and~~  
 whose policy <sup>it</sup> is to refuse all support to the <sup>courtesy and its</sup> Government and  
 to deter all others, if possible, from rendering any. These  
 persons tell you that the Am. & Mass. Anti-Slavery  
 Societies, for the whole of the past year, have been nothing  
 but servants <sup>to this</sup> of the Government. They call <sup>upon</sup> these Societies  
 now to "leave the active service of the government  
 and return to the Cause of the Slave." Such  
 Pharisaic talk ~~fills me with a great~~ <sup>affects me with a great</sup> disgust; and I  
 repudiate it, as being as unworthy of our ~~good cause~~  
 Cause, as it is untrue in <sup>itself</sup> ~~its allegations~~. ~~Sir,~~ I  
<sup>Sir</sup> deny that this Society has been, in any low sense of the word its  
 accusers, the servant of this ~~Government~~ Government.  
 I maintain y<sup>t</sup>. it has been the Friend of this Government,  
 its sage and honest Counsellor, ~~steadily~~ supporting it heartily  
 where it has been right, warning it against those  
 shoals & pitfalls of Compromise & pro-Slavery Conception  
~~has been so destructive~~ heretofore so full of peril & harm  
 to us, rebuking it where it has lent itself to be the  
 tool of Slavery; and doing its utmost to bring the whole  
 Northern people to make the great, ultimate, utter Call  
 for that Righteousness which exalts a Nation, & for that  
 Justice to the Poor & Oppressed of God's family, which <sup>alone</sup> will ensure  
 us His blessing. This is the high, the beneficent



ground occupied by this Society, as hundreds of thousands  
 at home & abroad acknowledge, ~~deprecate~~ and  
 this true praise & best reward its accusers can never  
 deprive it of. "Without concealment and without  
 compromise" as ever before, it still stands, the  
 Friend & Upholder of every true work of Liberty, the  
 sworn foe of Slavery and all its infernal devices.  
 But it needs not my eulogy; and I forbear to  
 consume more of your time. ~~At the abolition~~  
~~day of that great~~ ~~Saturday~~ ~~by Christ~~ To-day, on  
 this anniversary of the noblest deed in freedom's name  
 which the world in any <sup>time</sup> has seen, let us here  
 anew pledge ourselves against Slavery in every  
 form, <sup>in which it arrays itself against our common humanity,</sup> whether of violence, or of deceit, or of cunning,  
 or of mock piety, in which it may come to us, and  
 seek a deeper & more perfect consecration than  
 ever before to this <sup>our</sup> high calling of God,







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